Description

(i) These shall be the kernels obtained intact and in the form of balls from the fruits of cocos nucifera line. Fam-palmae.

(ii) These shall be well dried, reasonably •fir'm and in sound merchantable condition.

(iii) These may be fumigated by sulphur or other fumigants permissible under PFA Rule, 1955 and shall be free from rancid taste and objectionable odour. The tests shall be whitish to dark brown in colour and the meat shall be pearl white to ash white in colour and shall be sweet in taste.

Note

1. Foreign matter includes sand, dust, straw and shell.

2. Mouldy & black kernels include balls in which more than 5% of the inner surface is covered with mould and or dark brown to black in colour.

3 Wrinkled kernels include balls that are shrunk out of normal shape or are not fully mature or developed or have a rubbery structure and uneven surface. Such kernels are often discolored.

4 Chips include pieces of kernel which are smaller in size.

5 Meat means the soft body enclosed in the shell which carried the oil.

6. + Packing under non-specified grade will be allowed only against a specified order from the foreign buyer indicating the quantity and quality of the produce desired.

+Non-specified.

Wiping out Foot and Mouth disease from Kashmir

608 PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Foot and Mouth disease has been commonly prevalent in Kashmir since 1980;

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to wipe out this disease from the State;

(c) the estimate of affected livestock in the State since 1980; and

(d) whether Government have taken any concrete steps in this regard; if so,the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Foot and Mouth Disease is endemic in India including the State of Jammu and Kashmir. In order to reduce the incidence of the disease, the susceptible livestock population is. subjected to vaccination and in the event of an outbreak necessary treatment is provided. As per records of the Department, during last seven years (1994—2000), there has been 194 outbreaks affecting 17223 animals in the State of Jammu and Kashmir. Government of India provides funds to the State through a Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely "Assistance to States for Control of Animal Disease". Under the Foot and Mouth Disease Control Component of the Scheme there is a provision to vaccinate susceptible high yielding indigenous, exotic and tross bred cattle belonging to weaker section of the society. Cost of the vaccine is shared by the Central Government, State Government and beneficiary on 25:25:50 basis.

Agricultural Technology information centres in Maharashtra and Himachal Pradesh

609. SHRI ANIL SHARMA:
SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Agricultural Technology information centres set up in Himachal Pradesh and Maharashtra district-wise;

(b) the details of expenditure incurred by the Central Government for the said work in those States during the last three years; and

(c) the necessary action taken by Government to impart training to farmers so that they can get knowledge of the said Technology?